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## AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated July 13, 2004, for which a response is due on October 13, 2004. This response is filed within two months of the issuance of the final Office Action and an Advisory Action is respectfully requested. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in light of the amendments and remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.